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No. 229. *PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.*

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1. In their Order of the 11th March 1861, No. 556, the Government reserved for future consideration Mr. Pelly's report on the subject of the price to be paid for Salt to the manufacturers. This course was adopted because his plan of calculating the price on the Indian Maund rendered it expedient that weighing should be introduced in lieu of measuring in all Salt transactions.

2. The arrangements adopted by the Board of Revenue for the introduction of weighment must now be well advanced, and the Government will therefore proceed to pass orders on Mr. Pelly's report.

Per Ind. Md.
* ½ Anna for Swamp Salt.
1 do. }
1¼ do. } for Manufactured Salt.
1½ do. }
1¾ do. }

3. The price of Salt is at present fixed on the measured garce of 424 Mercals, the official equivalent of 120 Indian Maunds of 82⅔ lbs. avoir. each. Mr. Pelly proposes to fix it on the Indian Maund and to reduce the number of rates to five as shown in the margin.*

4. The rates now in force are numerous, and often vary greatly even at the same set of pans. Their reduction is very desirable and will greatly lessen the difficulty of computing the sums payable to the manufacturers, will simplify the accounts and admit of more early payments than is now practicable.

5. The Government approve generally of Mr. Pelly's scheme, but they are not disposed to restrict themselves to the rates, or the gradations proposed by him. The following table of the rates approved by Government in ten of the Districts of the Presidency will sufficiently answer all practicable purposes with the least disturbance of existing arrangements. If at any station higher rates are necessary, in consequence of labor being more expensive or for other valid reasons, separate applications can be made to Government as occasion arises.

		Present Rates.	Future Rates.		
		Per garce of 424 Mercals or 120 In. Mds.	Per garce of 424 Mercals or 120 In. Mds.	Per In. Md. of 82⅔ lbs. Avoir.	
		RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	A. P.	
Ganjam	Ganjam ...	9 0 0	9 6 0	1 3	
	Nowpada ...	6 0 0	7 8 0		
	Oomravally ...	7 8 0	7 8 0		
Vizagapatam	Carassah ...	6 5 9	7 8 0		
Godavery	Karapah, &c.	7 0 0		1 0	
	Gurajanapilly	7 7 0			
Kistna	Pondraka ...	7 0 0	7 8 0		
	Chinnaganjam	7 7 0			
Nellore	Tada, &c. ...	7 15 0	8 2 0	1 1	
	Kistnapatam, &c.	7 8 0	7 8 0	1 0	
South Arcot	Teagavally ...	6 11 0	7 8 0	1 0	
	Killay ...	8 5 0	8 12 0	1 2	
	Cuddalore ...	8 8 0	8 12 0	1 2	
Tanjore	Negapatam ...	10 10 0	10 10 0	1 5	
	Neidavassel ...	10 10 0			
Madura	Titandadarum, &c.	11 2 0	11 4 0	1 6	
Tinnevelly	Vypaur, &c....	10 9 7	10 10 0	1 5	
Canara	Cundapoor ...	12 11 6	13 2 0	1 9	

6 As regards the stations in Madras and South Arcot where merassy privileges exist, the Government desire that the Collectors be instructed by the Board to report fully on the nature and extent of those privileges, and especially whether Government are in any way pledged or bound to continue or extend the manufacture when equally good Salt can be obtained at a cheaper rate from other pans.

7. The Government do not see the advantage of fixing a price for swamp Salt, the cost of collecting which must vary in different Districts according to the price of labor, &c.

8. In several Districts various duties connected with the storing, &c., of Salt are exacted from the manufacturers without special remuneration. Some of these duties are not legitimate demands, and it is right that the manufacturers should be relieved from them. It must be remembered, however, that in many stations the manufacturers command all the available labor, and the Government Officers would experience great difficulty in carrying out such necessary works as the thatching of the heaps, &c., if the manufacturers were absolved from all concern in them. The relief must therefore be granted in the way of remuneration for work done. The manufacturers are bound at their own expense to keep the minor channels and pans in proper order, to deliver the Salt by weight or measurement into store, to keep the fences round the pans in repair and to guard the pans during the season of manufacture. They should be required also to provide labor for covering the heaps, and repairing the platforms, main channels and other works at the station, receiving payment for such duties. From escorting treasure, taking part in the sale of Salt and guarding the platforms, they should be wholly relieved. These concessions, it may be remarked, operate indirectly as an enhancement of the price paid for Salt. This consideration will not be overlooked by the Board if applications are received for increased prices.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

No. 1043.

Proc. of the Madras Govt.

dated 12th May 1862

In their order of the 11 March 1861 No. 556 the Govt. reserved for future consideration the Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Madras Presidency to be paid for salt by the manufacturers. This course was adopted because the plan of calculating the price on the Sea Coast manufactured rendered it expedient that neighboring stations should be introduced in lieu of measuring in all salt transactions.

The arrangement

ments is adopted by the Bd. of Revt for the instruction of Neighbourhood Roads be held at. Vancouver, and the Govt will then proceed to pass orders on Mr Kelly's report.

The price of Salt is at present fixed on the Medicine Lake Manufactured Salt equivalent of 120 L. Maunds of 82⅔ lbs avoir: each. Mr Kelly proposes to fix it on the Indian Maund and to reduce the number of Rates to five as shown

per L. M.

+ ½ anna. for Swamp Salt

1 do
1¼ do
1½ do
1¾ do
} for Manufactured Salt

+
in the margin.

The rates now in force are numerous and often vary greatly even at the same set of pans. Their reduction is very desirable and will greatly lessen the difficulty of computing the Duties payable by the manufacturers. It will simplify the accounts & admit of early payment to them as much as practicable.

The Govt. approve generally of Mr

Pelly's scheme
but they are not
limited to retrial
themselves to the
rates - or the proportion
proposed by him.
The following table
of the rates a pound
by post. in 10 of the
districts of the
Presidency will
sufficiently answer
all practical
purposes viz the
least disturbance
of existing arrange-
ments - If at any
Stations higher rates
are necessary, in
consequence of labor
being more expensive
or other valid reasons
separate applications
for increase can
be made by Govt at
occasion arises -

	Present Rates	Future Rates	
	Per Parcel of 42 4 Mercls or 120 I.M.	Per parcel of 42 4 Mercl or 120 I.M.	Per I.M. & 82 2/7 Mercl.
jam —	9.0.	9-6.	1.3
-padr —	6.0 —	7.8	
ravally —	7.8 —	7.8	
rajah .	6.5¾. —	7.8	
ur apah de —	7.0 —	7.8.	1.0.
rajanapilly	7.7		
ndaka —	7.0		
imapanjam	7.7		
-da de	7.15 —	8.2	1.1
trapatam de	7.8 —	7.8 —	1.0
ravally —	6.11 —	7.8 —	1.0
llay —	8.5 —	8.12½ —	1.2½
ddalre —	8.8 —	8.12 —	1.2.
japatam —	10.10	10.10 —	1.5
idavapel —	10.10		
tandadamm de	11.2 —	11.4	1.6
paur de	10.9½ —	10.10 —	1.5
ndapow	12.11½ —	13.2.	1.9.

1/free = 10 cwt

Pelly's scheme but they are to be limited to retrieve themselves by the rates - or the proportion prescribed by him. The following table of the rates proposed by Pr. in 10 of the districts of the Presidency will sufficiently answer all practical purposes with the least disturbance of existing arrangements - If at any station higher rates are necessary, in consequence of labor being more expensive or other valid reasons separate applications can be made by Govt at valuation orders -

		Present Rates	Future Rates	
		Per Garce of 424 Measures or 120 I.M.	Per garce of 424 Measures or 120 I.M.	Per I.M. of 82 2/7 lbs Avoird.
Ganjam	Ganjam	9.0.	9.6.	1.3
	Rampah	6.0	7.8	
	Domravally	7.8	7.8	
Vizag	Carapah	6.5¾.	7.8	
Godavery	Karapah &c	7.0	7.8.	1.0.
	Gurajanapilly	7.7		
Kistna	Pondaka	7.0		
	Chimapanjam	7.7		
Nellore	Yadah &c	7.15	8.2	1.1
	Kistnapatam &c	7.8	7.8	1.0
S. Arcot	Tiagavally	6.11	7.8	1.0
	Killay	8.5	8.12½	1.2½
	Cuddalore	8.8	8.12	1.2.
Tanjore	Nejapatam	10.10	10.10	1.5
	Meidavapel	10.10		
Madura	Tirandadam &c	11.2	11.4	1.6
Tinnevelly	Vypaur &c	10.9½	10.10	1.5
Canara	Cundapore	12.11½	13.2	1.9

1 Inch = 10 Annas

As regards the
Statutes in Matters
of S. Assert where
Monopoly privileges
Exist, the Pet. Asserts
that the Colrs. be in-
structed by the Bd
to report fully on
the nature & extent
of these privileges -
and especially
whether Pet. are in
any way pledged
or bound to continue
or extend the Manu-
facture when equally
good Salt can be
obtained at a cheaper
rate from other hands.

The Pet. Counsel
see the advantage of
fixing a price for
Swamp Salt, the
cost of collecting
which must vary
with different Districts
according to the
price of Labor &c

In several
Districts various
duties connected
with the storing &c
of Salt are Exacted
from the Manu-
facturers without
Special Remunera-
tion - Some of these
duties are reasonable.
-timate demands
and it is right
that the Manu-
facturers should
be relieved from
them - It must be
remembered however
that in many States

the manufacturers
command all
the available labour
and the pt. officers
should experience
great difficulty
in carrying out such
necessary works
as the thatching of
the heaps &c. if the
manufacturers were
absolved from all
concern in them.
The relief must then
now be granted in
the way of remunera
tion for work done.
The manufacturers
are bound at their
own expence to
keep the minor chan
nels & pans in proper
order - to deliver the
salt by weight or

measure moved into
store - to keep the
fences. round
the pans in repair
& to guard the pans
during the season of
manufacture. They
should be required
also to provide labour
for covering the heaps.
& repairing the plat-
forms to main
channels & store rs
at the stations. re-
-ceiving payment for
such duties. From
exacting treasure -
taking part in the
sale of salt & guarding
the platforms
they should be wholly
relieved - These con-
-cessions.
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Under Ret., spents
in directly as an
Enhancement
of the price paid
for salt. This consi-
deration will not be
over looked by the
Bd. if applications
are received for
increased prices.

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